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SUBJECT: FY 1979 SENATE HEARINGS
DOTA NO. 076-AS

1. THE FOLLOWING LIST OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE
SENATE NEED TO BE ANSWERED FOR THE RECORD:

FEDERAL GRANTS--

1. HAVE FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED TO AMERICAN SAMOA BEEN
AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GRANT REQUIREMENTS? HOW MANY
WERE AUDITED IN THE PAST YEAR, AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?

2. HAS THERE BEEN A PROBLEM WITH OVEREXPENDITURE OF THESE
GRANTS? ARE THERE ANY GRANTS CURRENTLY OVEREXPENDED?
(IF SO, HOW MANY GRANTS AND BY HOW MUCH?)

3. WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO ASSURE PROPER ACCOUNT-
ING OF GRANTS IN THE FUTURE?

FINANCIAL CONTROL--

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4. THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY LAW BECAME EFFECTIVE ON SAMOA ON
OCTOBER 1, 1977. HAVE YOU HAD PROBLEMS WITH GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS STAYING WITHIN THEIR OPERATING BUDGET?

5. THE GAO INDICATES THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS OCCURRED IN THE
PAST. CAN YOU GIVE US SOME IDEA AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE
PROBLEM AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO CORRECT IT?

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE--

6. UNDER YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM NO SPECIFIC ALLOCATION IS MADE FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. SOME FUNDING IS FOUND IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS (CIVIL, CONSTRUCTION, WATER, FACILITIES), BUT IS THAT ENOUGH TO COVER EXISTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS?

7. HOW ARE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS? ARE THESE COSTS PART OF THE ESTIMATES FOR THE PROJECT?

8. WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT ON OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECTS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

9. DOES SAMOA HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND THE RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE FY 1979 PROJECTS ONCE THEY ARE COMPLETED?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--

10. IS THE INDUSTRIAL PARK, WHICH WAS FUNDED BY AN EDA GRANT OF 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1971, COMPLETED? WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS, INCLUDING COSTS TO DATE AND ESTIMATED COSTS TO COMPLETE?

11. WHAT INDUSTRIES, IF ANY, ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRIAL PARK? WHAT REVENUES HAS THE PARK PRODUCED FOR SAMOA?

ELECTRIC UTILITY--

12. SINCE FY 1976 OVER 5 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS. HOW MUCH REMAINS TO BE OBLIGATED?

13. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM?

14. WILL THE GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA BE ABLE TO DO WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE 420,000 DOLLARS IN THE FY 1979 BUDGET IN ADDITION TO THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED WITH THE REMAINING UNOBLIGATED FUNDS?

15. HOW WILL YOU ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THIS WORK AND IN WHAT TIMEFRAME?

16. ARE THE EMPLOYEES OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM? IF NOT, WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO TRAIN THEM?

WATER FACILITIES--

17. NEARLY 8 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVING WATER AND WATER WASTE FACILITIES SINCE FY 1976. HOW MUCH OF THAT REMAINS TO BE OBLIGATED?

18. HAS A MASTER PLAN BEEN DEVELOPED FOR A SAMOAN WATER SYSTEM? IF NOT, WHAT APPROACH IS BEING USED TO DEVELOP THE SYSTEM?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--

19. WHAT DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING AND CO-ORDINATING ECONOMIC EFFORTS IN AMERICAN SAMOA? WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN ASSISTING THIS DEPARTMENT?
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20. YOUR BUDGET PROPOSES NO FUNDING, EITHER FEDERAL OR LOCAL, FOR THE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. WHY IS THAT? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICAN SAMOA?

EDUCATION--

21. DO YOU BELIEVE THE 4-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM CAN SUSTAIN ITSELF WITHOUT DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE?

PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS ASAP. MRS. RUTH G. VAN CLEVE,
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